

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH
CAROLINA CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:15-CV-559 IN THIS OFFICE

THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, LEWIS A. : 2015 JUL 14 PM 1:55
BRANDON III, JOYCE JOHNSON, :
NELSON JOHNSON, RICHARD ALAN :
KORITZ, SANDRA SELF KORITZ, AND :
CHARLI MAE SYKES, Plaintiffs, :
v. :
THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF :
ELECTIONS, Defendant. :
:

CLERK US DISTRICT COURT
GREENSBORO, N.C.

HARTZMAN'S MOTION FOR LEAVE
TO FILE AMICUS BRIEF

I, George Hartzman respectfully move, pursuant to the Court's inherent authority, to file a brief as amicus curiae regarding whether THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, LEWIS A. BRANDON III, JOYCE JOHNSON, NELSON JOHNSON, RICHARD ALAN KORITZ, SANDRA SELF KORITZ, AND CHARLI MAE SYKES has cause to file a suit against THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

A copy of the proposed brief is attached as Exhibit A to this Motion.

1. DISTRICT COURTS HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AMICUS BRIEFS

Federal district courts possess the inherent authority to accept amicus briefs. *In re Bayshore Ford Truck Sales, Inc.*, 471 F.3d 1233, 1249 n.34 (11th Cir. 2006) (“[D]istrict courts possess the inherent authority to appoint ‘friends of the court’ to assist in their proceedings.”); *Jin v. Ministry of State Security*, 557 F. Supp. 2d 131, 136 (D.D.C. 2008) (“district courts have inherent authority to appoint or deny amici which is derived from Rule 29 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure”); *United States v. Davis*, 180 F. Supp. 2d 797, 800 (E.D. La. 2001) (noting that district courts have authority to permit the filing of amicus briefs). The role of amici is to assist the court “in cases of general public interest by making suggestions to the court, by providing supplementary assistance to existing counsel, and by insuring a complete and plenary presentation of difficult issues so that the court may reach a proper decision.” Newark Branch, N.A.A. C.P. v. Town of Harrison, N.J., 940 F.2d 792, 808 (3d Cir. 1991). This authority supports the Court's exercise of its discretion to accept my amicus brief.

2. IF THE COURT ALLOWS THE FILING OF HARTZMAN'S AMICUS BRIEF, THE PLAINTIFFS SHOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND

If the Court grants my Motion to participate as amicus and accepts its brief for filing, the parties should have an adequate opportunity to respond by a date set by the Court as the due date for the parties' responses to the amicus brief.

3. I am available for a hearing if necessary.

4. As I am acting Pro Se, an order is not attached as I believe the Court would find itself more legally capable to render an order than myself.

Respectfully submitted, and dated this Tuesday, July 14, 2015.

Signed Tuesday, July 14, 2015



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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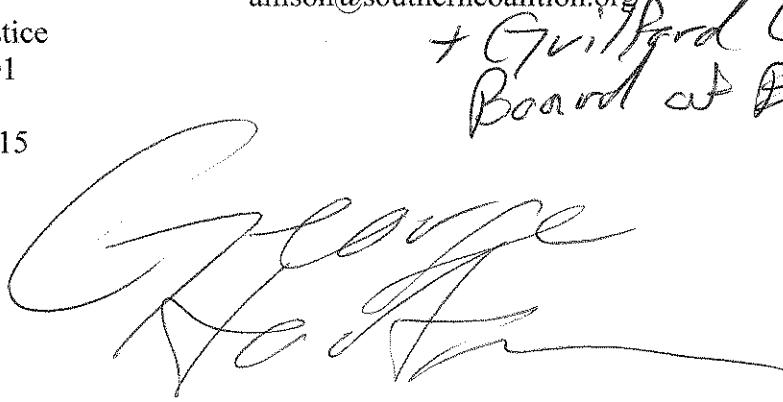
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